(e) Water being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of State Government concerned for the planning, development, funding, execution and management of all type of water resources projects to harness the water resources within the States. To overcome the scarcity situation, Government of India is promoting the strategies for optimization of water use efficiency, water conservation, conjunctive use of surface and ground water, artificial recharge of ground water etc. Keeping in view the long term planning, the Ministry of Water Resources and Central Water Commission have formulated a National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development in the country which envisages inter-linkages between various peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins for optimum utilization of water in the country. The interlinking of rivers will improve the storage position of en-route reservoirs.

Introduction of water audit

304. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce 'Water Audit' in industries, hotels and housing societies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Water being a State subject, the planning, designing, implementation and Operation & Maintenance and related measures including water auditing is to be carried out by concerned State Governments/Urban Local Bodies.

Construction of dams on inter-State rivers

305. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: